

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-4, 6, 8-11 and 13-19 as follows.

Please add new claims 20-30 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~communications~~ system, comprising:

~~at least one~~ user equipment:

~~at least one~~ resource node ~~arranged~~configured to manage resource for communication with said ~~at least one~~ user equipment; and

~~at least one~~ managing node ~~for managing~~ configured to manage traffic flow, wherein ~~said at least one~~ said resource node and ~~said at least one~~ managing node are ~~arranged~~configured so that information determined by the at least one resource node is passed between the at least one resource node and the at least one managing node, ~~said at least one~~ managing node selecting ~~at least one~~ a parameter for a new traffic flow based on said information.

2. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~said at least one~~ resource node and ~~at least one~~ managing node are ~~arranged~~configured to negotiate in order to select the at least one parameter.

3. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said information comprises negotiation information and said negotiation information is determined by ~~at least one~~the resource node.

4. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 3, wherein said negotiation information comprises at least one of the following: type of traffic, the bit rate of the traffic and the cost.

5. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 3, wherein said negotiation information is determined for a plurality of different traffic handling classes.

6. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said parameter is at least one of the following: traffic handling class, cost, and target bit rate.

7. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein an access charge for the user equipment is dependent on the location of the user equipment in said system and/or time.

8. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~at least one~~the resource node comprises an access node with which said user equipment is arrangedconfigured to communicate.

9. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 8, wherein ~~the at least one~~ access node is a base station or radio network controller.

10. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~said at least one~~ managing node is located at an edge of a network.

11. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~said at least one~~ managing node comprises ~~an GGSN~~ a gateway general packet radio service (GPRS) support node.

12. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said resource node is an access node.

13. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~in means are provided for the managing node further provides~~ guiding an actual flow rate to a target flow rate.

14. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~means are provided for the managing node further provides~~ detecting a new flow.

15. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~means are provided for the resource node further provides balancing a~~ load between available resources.

16. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein communication between the managing node and resource node is via a ~~GPRS general packet radio service (GPRS) tunnelling tunneling~~ protocol or a multi-protocol label switching protocol.

17. (Currently Amended) A—communications method—for use in a communications system, comprising: at least one user equipment, at least one resource node arranged to manage resource for communication with said at least one user equipment, at least one managing node for managing traffic flow, ~~determining information at a resource node, said method comprising the steps of passing the determined information passed between at least one the resource node and at least one a managing node; and selecting at least one parameter for a new traffic flow based on said information.~~

18. (Currently Amended) A ~~resource node for use in a~~ system, comprising:
~~at least one a~~ user equipment;
~~at least one resource node, and at least one~~
~~at least one a~~ managing node ~~for managing configured to manage traffic flow;~~ and

~~said a resource node comprising means for managing resource for communication a resource manager configured to communicate with said at least one user equipment, and means for an information passer configured to pass determine information and to pass the information to said at least one the managing node.~~

19. (Currently Amended) A ~~managing node for use in a communications system~~, comprising:

~~at least one a user equipment;~~

~~at least one a resource node arranged~~configured~~ to manage~~resource~~ resources for communication with said at least one the user equipment, and;~~

~~at least one a managing node, said managing node comprising means for managing a traffic flow manager configured to manage a traffic flow, means for receiving an information receiver configured to receive information determined at the resource node from the at least one resource node, and means for selecting a selector configured to select at least one parameter for a new traffic flow based on said information.~~

20. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

a traffic flow manager configured to manage a traffic flow;

an information receiver configured to receive information determined at a resource node from the resource node; and

a selector configured to select at least one parameter for a new traffic flow based on said information.

21. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

a resource manager configured to communicate with user equipment; and

an information determiner configured to determine information;

an information passer configured to pass said information to a managing node.

22. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

determining means for determining information at a resource node;

information passing means for passing the information between the resource node and a managing node; and

selecting means for selecting at least one parameter for a new traffic flow based on said information.

23. (New) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium, said computer program configured to control a processor to perform:

determining information at a resource node,

passing the determined information between the resource node and a managing node; and

selecting at least one parameter for a new traffic flow based on said information.

24. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

communicating means for communicating with a user equipment;

information determining means for determining information; and
information passing means for passing said information to a managing node.

25. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein said information comprises negotiation information and said negotiation information is determined by the resource node.

26. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein said parameter is at least one of the following, traffic handling class, cost, and target bit rate.

27. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the resource node comprises an access node which is configured to communicate with user equipment.

28. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 27, wherein the access node is a base station or radio network controller.

29. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein said resource node is an access node.

30. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the resource node further provides balancing a load between available resources.